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Question Time: Christmas is coming

When do you start searching for presents?

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Yes, Thanksgiving is still in the future. And, yes, Halloween hasn't even happened yet. But, did you realize as of Monday there are only 71 days left until Christmas? So, this week, we wanted to know: "When do you start shopping for presents?" On a side note, the responses this week were very interesting. They ran the entire gamut from those who prepare all year to those who seemed to resent the very idea of the question itself.

Your answers

"Already have. Gotta love layaway." — **Jennifer Jackson**

"Let's get through Halloween and Thanksgiving first, please." — **Joshua**

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“[I shop] 364 days a year, if you see something you want to get someone, you can put it back, and by time Christmas is here, you already have most of your shopping done.” – **Steven Browning**

“I’m struggling in the stores the night before; the only time I procrastinate!” — **Salena Castron**

“[I] have picked up a couple [of] things already. I do most of mine on Black Friday.” — **Krista Pence**

“I don’t. I don’t have money for presents. And presents [are] not what Christmas is all about, anyway. It is Christ’s birthday. God bless you all.” — **Martha Jane Miller**

Our answers

“The day before Christmas, of course. Why spend time on something that’s going to get unwrapped in a matter of seconds? And most of the time the present goes on a shelf or in a drawer somewhere and is never used. Bah! Humbug!” — **Mike Fletcher**

“Usually, the day after Thanksgiving, but sometimes later. I don’t really buy that many Christmas gifts, though I do enjoy the hunt. I don’t like being stressed out about something that should bring joy.” — **Jill Bond**

“Usually, I have already started for my grandkids before now, but I plan on putting a layaway in this weekend for them. All other presents, for other family members, coworkers etc. will start being bought mid-November all the way up to Christmas.” — **Robin Harper**

“I start shopping a few days after [Christmas], when all the sales are going on.” — **Alicia Eltzroth**

“When my wife gives me money. Ha!” — **Josh Sigler**

“Right about now. What do you think inspired this week’s question? The yearly capitalist bonanza is coming whether you like it or not, fool!” — **Rob Burgess**

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